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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, IBID

Progress report for January 1950.

1. Temporary deficiencies in broadcast coverage of Indochina during January resulted from seasonal outages, the reorganization of broadcast facilities in Indochina, cessation of Tokyo monitoring and loss of qualified monitors. This situation was remedied by resumption of monitoring the Vietnamese language in Tokyo as an emergency interim operation and assignment of Morse coverage to the Okinawa Bureau. Similarly, coverage deficiencies of Pakistan and India which resulted from deactivation of the Karachi Bureau were corrected by the rescheduling of broadcasts and selection of new frequencies.

2. Experimentally, ORG and DRE, Department of State, propaganda analysis sections are being furnished all IBID teletype copy of Moscow commentaries in order to eliminate the necessity for publishing in the Daily Report routine commentaries which are of interest only from the point of view of quantitative propaganda analysis.

3. In accordance with a request from the Director, the following special reports were prepared for the White House and subsequently reproduced [redacted]

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a. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the State of the Union Message"—three reports.

b. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the President's Statement on Formosa and British Recognition of Communist China"—two reports.

c. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the President's Budget Message"—one report.

d. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the President's Three Recent Messages"—one report.

e. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the Withdrawal of U.S. Officials from China"—two reports.

4. On 24 January 1950 [redacted] IBID Administrative Officer, departed on an inspection tour of all field bureaus to observe administrative operations and procedures and discuss problems of mutual interest with the various administrative heads.

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5. Since 1 January 1950 daily compilations of monitored Soviet commentaries by theme, subject and language of broadcasts have been furnished to the Chief, Program Evaluation Branch, IBID, Department of State.

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6. REID found valuable a series of WE/ONS comments upon the comparative usefulness of individual German and Austrian items produced by the exploratory missions and established monitoring facilities.

✓ 7. A representative from the Government Printing Office made a study of the flow of REID stencils over a week's period in order to establish a reproduction plan in connection with the anticipated printing of the Daily Reports by photolith methods. This operation is expected to begin about 1 March 1950.

8. Entrances on duty with security waivers have provided comfortable teletype staffing for the first time in many months. Additions to the departmental editorial staff have largely compensated for the severe drain suffered in staffing the Odessa Bureau and bringing other field stations to editorial strength.

9. Tests adopted by the Personnel Division to gauge applicants' suitability have been found generally reliable when applied to present editorial personnel and are being given increased weight by REID in recommending new appointments.

10. A daily average of 11,000 words was filed to the REID during January.

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